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## Gray-crowned Leucosticte on Mt. Whitney, Cal.

While making the ascent of Mt. Whitney, July 23, I found the Gray-crowned Leucosticte fairly abundant. In the Upper Crab-tree meadow half a dozen were seen feeding about moist grassy places, and at the foot of the trail to the top, at the old bolometer station, about 12,000 feet elevation, a dozen or more came into camp after crumbs, hopping within five feet of members of the party.

Right under the crest of Mt. Whitney, at an elevation of about 15,000 ft., a pair were gleaning food from a large snow drift. This bank had melted, leaving cones of snow 18 inches high all over its surface, and the birds flew from cone to cone examining all sides. Upon investigation I found quite a number of lepidopterous insects (no coleoptera) adhering to the moist surfaces and the birds were evidently feeding upon them. A storm of hail passing over drove the birds under granite slabs for shelter, but they were back onto the drift as soon as it ceased. Specimens taken and dissected, at 11,000 feet elevation, showed no trace of insect food. However, it is of interest to know that the highest point in the United States outside of Alaska, (Mt. Whitney 15,086 feet elevation) can sustain bird life. I saw no other variety of bird above the timber line.

FRANK S. DAGGETT.

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## Official Minutes of Northern Division.

NOVEMBER.

The Division met at the home of H. C. Ward in Alameda Nov. 4, President Emerson in the chair and thirteen members in attendance. Lawrence Kessing of Alameda was elected to active membership. Bills for current expenses, amounting to \$3.15 were paid. Upon motion, Mr. Emerson was requested to complete his design for a new cover for the BULLETIN, when it shall begin its second volume as "The Condor," and after approval by the Publication Committee a cut was ordered made to be used on the January issue. Nominations for officers for 1900 resulted as follows: For President, W. Otto Emerson; Vice President, Theodore J. Hoover; Secretary, C. Barlow; Treasurer, Donald A. Cohen. Mr. McGregor

spoke upon a new line of work which the Club proposes to undertake in 1900,—that of issuing special publications or memoirs as funds and material warrant. It was ordered that such publications be authorized and issued by the Club from time to time and under such title as may be later determined upon. F. W. Koch of Merced and Wm. R. Flint of Oakland were dropped for delinquency. Mr. McGregor presented an interesting paper entitled "Dicromatism in the Genus *Carpodacus*" which was amply illustrated with skins of various forms of the *Carpodaci* group. A paper by Mr. Jos. Mailliard entitled "Land Birds of Marin Co., Cal." was read by title owing to the lateness of the hour. Adjourned to meet at the home of C. Barlow in Santa Clara on January 6.

C. BARLOW, Division Secretary.

## Official Minutes of Southern Division.

SEPTEMBER.

The Division met at the home of M. L. Wicks Jr., with President McCormick in the chair. The name of Mr. Roth Reynolds was proposed for active membership. The name of Harry H. Dunn which was proposed for membership at the last meeting was withdrawn. The Outing Committee failed to decide upon a place for the outing and was given further time to act. Resolutions from the Northern Division to change the present name of the BULLETIN to that of "The Condor" were read, the change to be made with the January number. A letter from C. Barlow pertaining to the subject was also read. The change was adopted by unanimous vote of those present. It was, however, recommended that the words "Continuation of" be dropped, making the new title read: "The Condor; Bulletin of the Cooper Ornithological Club." Mr. Daggett read a paper entitled "Desirability of Positive Identification in Lists." Two papers from the Northern Division were read. Adjourned.

HOWARD ROBERTSON, Division Sec'y.

MR. F. S. DAGGETT'S PRIVATE REPORT OF THE OUTING MEETING.

My Dear Robertson:

The Cooper Ornithological Club held its annual meeting at Wilson's Peak Oct. 28-30, the feature this year being the attendance of visitors, among which were A. N. Wright, Mrs. F. S. Daggett, Miss Ethel Daggett and Geo. Key. Several papers of rare interest were read (besides the Los Angeles *Times*, Los Angeles *Express*, Pasadena *Star* etc.) Flash messages were sent to absent members at Los Angeles 23 miles distant, also to Santa Monica 41 miles away, (no reply received). The members made their headquarters at Martin's Camp but extended their investigation to Strain's Camp beyond; in fact covered the peak pretty thoroughly during the three days. No new birds were noted but many old friends in the shape of Thick-billed Sparrows, Mountain Chickadees, West. Bluebird and a pair of California Vultures circling over Eaton Canon were noted.

When the party started down Monday morn-

ing the thermometer registered 38 deg. and they were all awoken in the night by a hail-storm, the pellets as big as eggs (*Hummingbird's*) banging on the shake roofs with a tremendous noise. An interesting letter from Joe Grinnell written a few days before he left Cape Nome for home was also read. By the way, Robertson, I was the only *member* present, but we had all the elements of a successful meeting and with the above pointers you ought to give a report which will make the Northern fellows green with envy! Where were the rest of them? Not necessary to state number of members present!

Truly Yours,  
FRANK S. DAGGETT.

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Sunset, III, No. 6, Oct., 1899.

Wilson Bulletin, No. 28, Sept. 30, 1899.

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(Membership is in California unless otherwise designated.)

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